Mattancheri income-tax is collected from persons in respect of professions, dividends, house rents, etc. Are we to keep separate accounts for all these?

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* It may be difficult to find out the amount. But it is not an impossibility.

Mr. President: If the Department is asked to go through the accounts for 6 years and add up, there must be a purpose served.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* There is a purpose. Yesterday, I was putting a question about the increase in the trade in the Harbour. Today the purpose is to find out whether there is a corresponding increase in the collection of Income-tax from the merchants of Mattancheri.

Mr. President: An increase in trade may sometimes result in a loss to merchants. Therefore, no inference can be drawn from that.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether in future Government can keep the accounts separately?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* It will be considered.

MUSIC MISTRESSES—INCLUSION WITHIN PURVIEW OF STAFF SELECTION BOARD

183. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state whether it has any objection to bring the appointment of music mistresses under the purview of the Staff Selection Board?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Government do not think it necessary.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* After all, the number of music mistresses is 2, 3 or 4. May I know why a special discrimination is shown in the case of music mistresses?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* When we delegated this power of selection to the Staff Selection Board, we had in mind appointments to which all communities can present candidates. As matters now stand, whether for reasons of disinclination or otherwise, the music mistresses happen to come from one or two communities. There is no particular point in asking them to select music mistresses, especially when we have the new system of selection.

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Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* That sort of quibbling won't do.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* It is not quibbling at all. What I mean to say is, there are only a few communities which can present candidates and the number of appointments is very limited.

The appointments which were given to the Staff Selection Board were appointments to which all communities can present candidates. The Director gave the assurance that in the case of these few communities, even in respect of 4 or 5 music mistresses, the principle of communal rotation and ratio will be strictly adhered to. As matters stand, I am in a position to state that qualified candidates come only from 2 or 3 communities.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* May I know, Sir, since this argument is advanced, whether the principles of the Staff Selection Board apply only to qualified candidates to whichever community they may belong?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* All those appointments are appointments to which all the communities can present candidates.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* My question is, if 3 communities alone are able to present candidates, should you not apply the principle to all these communities?

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* That is not the point. Even if the Secretary's contention that only a few communities can present candidates is true, let them be appointed, but the proportion will increase in the case of other communities. That is the point.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* That is a question which will affect not only the music mistresses. There are any number of appointments. But the question has to be considered with regard to the several appointments.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* What about the music mistresses? Suppose there are vacancies for music mistresses, and only certain communities can present candidates with the necessary qualifications. If they are added on to the general list of persons appointed by the Staff Selection Board, the other communities will get at least a certain percentage. Suppose there are 100 vacant posts. This music mistress won't come in there. Suppose there are 3 posts for the music mistresses. Out of 100, each community

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will get its own share. Suppose there are 103. Then the other communities will get a rateable representation. According to the Secretary, with regard to these 3 appointments, the other communities cannot present candidates. It may be. With regard to the other appointments, they may be given some preference.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* But that was not my point. The point was that there are only a few appointments.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* That is why I say that they may be added on to the number of appointments by the Staff Selection Board.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* We are holding the Staff Selection Board meeting on every Wednesday. Suppose there is the vacancy of a music mistress, and the next turn is to a community which cannot present a qualified candidate. Then we will have to put off the selection to the next Wednesday.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Then that vacancy may be given to a community in which there is a presentable candidate, and the next post may be given to the other community where there are candidates presentable.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* It is a bit unfair also. If there is a post on Rs. 25 which falls to a Roman Catholic, and if a Roman Catholic alone can present a music mistress, the other post will go to somebody else.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* That is being done even now.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* What is the minimum salary of a music mistress?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Rs. 20.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : സ്റ്റാഫ് സെലക്ഷൻ ബോർഡ് രൂപീകരണത്തിനുശേഷം ഇതേവരെ എത്ര മ്യൂസിക്ക് മിസ്ട്രസ്സുമാരെ അപ്പോയിൻറു ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു പറയാമോ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* If the hon'ble member's fear is that communal ratio is not adhered to, I can assure them that these appointments are made on the basis of communal rotation and on the principle of communal ratio. On the other hand, if your wish is that this should be handed over to the Staff Selection Board, I have no objection.

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റാവുസാഹിബ്ബ° ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ : പെർമനൻറാ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്°. പണിക്കർ : ഒഫീഷിയേറിങ്ങായിട്ട°.

റാവുസാഹിബ്ബ° ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ : അതു പറയുവാൻ സാധിക്കുകയില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്°. പണിക്കർ : മൂന്നു അപ്പായിൻറുമെൻറുസ്° നടത്തീട്ടുണ്ട°. അതിൽ ഒന്നിനു ഒരു ഈഴവ കാൻഡിഡേറ° ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. ആ സ്ത്രീയെ ഇതിൽ ഒന്നിലും അപ്പോയിൻറ° ചെയ്തിട്ടില്ല.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: I can assure the hon'ble members of the House that last month when I had to look at the list, out of the waiting list of 7 candidates, there was not a single Ezhuva. We have not appointed anybody who has not acted before.

CEMETERY IN ARTHAT VILLAGE—PERMISSION TO ERECT—REFUSAL OF

184. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there was an application from Mr. K. V. Cheriyan, Minister of the Church of God, on 26th Chingam 1107 for permission to erect a cemetery in Survey No. 549/1 of Arthat village, Talappalli Taluk;

(*b*) whether Government issued an order No. D. Dis. 2368/1107, dated 5th November 1931, rejecting the request on the ground that the site proposed was objectionable;

(*c*) if the answer to (*a*) and (*b*) is in the affirmative, will Government be pleased to inform the reasons for the allegation about the "objection" to the "site proposed"?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The reasons for rejection were, among others, the following.—

(1) The site was within objectionable distance of a Hindu temple.

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